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February 23, 2006

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2004/5 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
17	State and Local Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds or modifies various projects from various funding programs in Butte County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), and the High Priority Projects Program. See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 17 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 93.126 and § 93.127 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by BCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. BCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde, of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN
Chief
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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